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DIRECTOR, FBI

TO :

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-15602) (RUC)

SUBJECT: EDUARDO GULLON
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OO: New York

Re New York letter dated 10/28/63.

Enclosed are three (3) photographs of CESAR BOULLON being returned to the New York Office.

On 12/19/63 Reverend A. CLARK confidentially advised that the records of the Catholic Welfare Center, 1400 West Ninth Street, Los Angeles, reflected that MARTIN TORRES FORTES last known residence was listed as the Ansonia Apartments, 448 South Grandview Street, Apartment Number 3, Los Angeles, and that TORRES was residing at this address with his wife and two children.

On the evening of 12/19/63 at the above Ansonia Apartments, MARTIN TORRES FORTES advised SA FREDERICK E. RODERICK the following in the Spanish language:

In June, 1963, while unemployed in New York City, TORRES began going daily to the "Unemployment Agency" on Warren Street where he met EDUARDO GULLON from Peru, South America, about 20 to 21 years of age, 5' 4", 150 pounds, medium build but well proportioned, dark hair, dark eyes,

- ② Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Kansas City (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Miami (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - New York (Encls. 3) (REGISTERED MAIL)
4 - Los Angeles
(1-134-NEW) (MARTIN TORRES)
(1-105-15864) (MANUAL RAY)
(1-109-11) (CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS)

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round face, small nose, dark complexion, mestizo (Caucasian and Indian race) poorly dressed, worked as a porter and a dishwasher in restaurants.

TORRES viewed the photographs of CESAR BOULLON, which were forwarded Los Angeles by Kansas City with negative results.

TORRES could not recall the address of EDUARDO GULLON and added that he had furnished the address to SA PETERSON in New York.

The only other person whom TORRES knew who was acquainted with EDUARDO GULLON was a Puerto Rican, name not recalled, who was also frequenting the Unemployment Agency on Warren Street daily. TORRES thought that he might have given the name of this person to SA PETERSON in New York City, but he could not recall. The Puerto Rican, who told TORRES that he was a member of the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico was in contact with GULLON and both were intending to return to Cuba to receive instruction in espionage, sabotage and subversive activities for the purpose of returning later to the United States.

TORRES described the Puerto Rican as about 29 years, 5' 6", 130 pounds, black curly hair, dark eyes, thin nose, part Negro, always wore a white shirt and black trousers. He had worked at the New York Athletic Club in the kitchen. TORRES did not know if GULLON had worked at the New York Athletic Club, but considered it possible since the Puerto Rican did work there.

TORRES recalled that the Puerto Rican had been arrested with others in July or August by the New York Police Department when a protestation was made publicly that Negroes were not being allowed to work in the hospitals in New York. TORRES considered that if all the photographs of these persons arrested were obtained that he could view them and identify this Puerto Rican.

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TORRES advised that he was a former member of the police department at Havana, Cuba, under the BATISTA regime and that he has been well acquainted with FIDEL CASTRO and communist elements of Cuba having worked on the subversive detail. While associating with GULLON and the Puerto Rican, he criticized the United States and posed as being sympathetic toward communism in order to ascertain information from them.

TORRES advised that if any information is ever obtained about his being sympathetic toward communism, that this should be discounted because he has spent most of his life and especially the last five years doing everything possible to fight communism.

TORRES learned from GULLON and the Puerto Rican that FIDEL CASTRO is now inducing individuals who are in favor of communism and who are in the United States to go to Cuba for special training creating a "Fifth Column" to return to the major cities in the United States. TORRES learned from GULLON that CASTRO intends within a ten year period to have enough "Fifth Column" trainees to take over the United States.

TORRES was certain that by now GULLON, the Puerto Rican and allegedly 24 others from New York are now in Cuba receiving the described training. He understood that each individual who is to go to Cuba for the training is moved from the United States clandestinely either through Canada or Mexico. He did not know the identity of the others as this was told him by GULLON.

TORRES stated that he had intended to obtain the name of Dominican who was to go also to Cuba for the above training, but TORRES left New York City before he obtained the name.

TORRES repeated that GULLON and the Puerto Rican were well acquainted and that their contacts were at the Casa Cuba which TORRES described as a "bee-hive" of "individuals who are in favor of CASTRO, and communism against the U.S."

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TORRES advised that he knew nothing further than that above and that if he were to find out further information or assist the Bureau, he was desirous of knowing if the Bureau would back him all the way if he were uncovered as a person assisting the Bureau.

TORRES was told emphatically that he could never consider himself to be a Bureau employee and that the Bureau could never give an individual the license to act on his own and to take the law in his hands.

TORRES explained that he had gone into the Miami Office some time back and presented some information regarding the passing out of pro-CASTRO propaganda and that at that time he had asked for Bureau backing if he should infiltrate into pro-CASTRO ranks. He was told then that he could not consider himself to be a Bureau employee and he advised that he could not understand how anyone could assist the United States with such a policy. He considers that the Bureau would back anyone fully who would volunteer to fight FIDEL CASTRO and communism.

TORRES stated that he was disgusted with CIA and its policy because he was involved in the Bay of Pigs invasion and he met representatives of CIA in Guatemala who could not speak Spanish and actually what they instructed with regard to espionage and sabotage was archaic. He digressed at length to explain how when he tried to open some ammunition boxes during the invasion that he found bricks in the boxes and he was certain that there had been a "double-cross", all the way on this invasion.

TORRES was critical of the apathy of the American people toward CASTRO and he warned of the dangerousness of CASTRO. He added that he got to know CASTRO in Cuba and that CASTRO is an egotist who will stop at nothing. TORRES was critical because he cannot understand why the United States allows Cuba to maintain a bastion of arms just 95 miles away from United States shores; why persons such as students are allowed to go to Cuba; and why persons are allowed to furnish monies to aid Cuba without their being prosecuted. He identified Cuba as the enemy and any

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information given Cuba against the United States he considers is an act of espionage. He could not understand why even the Casa Cuba is allowed to operate in New York City.

TORRES advised that he is associated with a group whom he did not volunteer to identify who are disgusted with the apathy of the American people and the U. S. Government against communism in Latin American and this group of Cubans consider their struggle not one of fighting to keep communism out of Cuba or the United States alone, but of keeping the entire Western Hemisphere free from communism. He considers their struggle to be a losing battle because he understands that CASTRO could now cause a revolution for communism in almost every country in South America but that Russia is not in accord because Russia fears that CASTRO would take over and cut Russia out of the material gains. TORRES was not pressed for the identity of this group because it was apparent that at this time he would not identify them.

Texas
TORRES advised that it is a mockery to not allow the report of the FBI concerning the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY to be made public. TORRES advised that it is a known fact that ~~LEE~~OSWALD was connected with the Fair Play for Cuba and to not alert the American nation to this as well as to the distortion of OSWALD's mind is to be "lulled into a false state of complacency."

Communist
TORRES advised that Americans have little if any understanding of the diabolical ambitions of CASTRO or even much understanding of communism. He related at length how he personally attempted to alert the U. S. Embassy at Havana about FIDEL CASTRO being a communist and how many Americans in Cuba and the U. S. were first sympathetic toward CASTRO.

TORRES considers it pathetic that the Voice of America is so ill equipped to compete with the pro-Soviets broadcasts which are being made to Cuba. He has been appalled at the great amount of pro-Soviet propaganda being exhibited to the American people by television and he was especially

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critical of a recent program concerning the Soviet education of children which he professed was nothing but "a pack of lies."

TORRES advised that the American people must understand that it was BATISTA himself who started communism itself in Cuba. It was BATISTA who allowed members of the Communist Party to be sitting on his own cabinet. BATISTA allowed communism to get its first stronghold in Cuba.

TORRES advised that he would willingly advise at a future date all that he knows about communism in Cuba. He described CARLOS PRIO SOCCARAS as a farce, a phony, who has a following of people who do not know him to be "a cardboard paper President of Cuba." He knew PRIO SOCCARAS had been recently in Los Angeles. He was certain that MANUEL RAY is not pro-Soviet. Regarding the latter, he stated that he is not a Soviet spy, that MANUEL RAY believes in establishing only a socialized system of government in Cuba and purposely wants to eliminate communism.

TORRES was friendly and was desirous of having a meet again.

TORRES advised that he is presently employed at the Packard-Bell Industrial Products factory and that he daily tries to apprise his fellow workers who are Americans of the danger of FIDEL CASTRO toward the future of the United States. He explained that he is hopeful of obtaining better employment in order to continue in his fight against communism. He exhibited an advertising sketch he had drawn and stated that he was hopeful of obtaining employment in designing for advertisements. He stated that he needs more money to support his family and more time to do what he wants to struggle against communism.

TORRES explained that his wife's mother is in Miami and he is hopeful of moving her to Los Angeles, and thereby reside in the Los Angeles area unless CASTRO were deposed and he could then return to Cuba.

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The indices of the Los Angeles Office are negative for names of EDUARDO GULLON and MARTIN TORRES FORTES.

LEADS:

NEW YORK

Review
AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK: (1) Will consider the advisability of checking at the "Unemployment Agency" on Warren Street or the New York Athletic Club, for background data on EDUARDO GULLON.

(2) Will consider obtaining photographs of persons arrested by the New York Police in July or August of 1963, for purpose of exhibiting these to MARTIN TORRES FORTES to identify the Puerto Rican acquainted with GULLON.

(3) Will furnish the Los Angeles Office with all known background data on MARTIN TORRES FORTES for purpose of evaluating any information furnished by him, possibly as a source on Cuban matters.

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will check indices and furnish the Los Angeles Office background data on MARTIN TORRES FORTES for the purpose of evaluating any information furnished by him possibly as a source on Cuban matters.